

**Wentworth Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2021**

**Those present:** Jordan King, Andrew Lasser, Chief Trott, Chief Ames, Randy and Andrea Comsteller, Dave Clark and Linda Franz.

**Called to Order:** Jordan King called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

The following documents were signed: Payroll and vendor checks; Meeting minutes for June 1 and June 9, 2021; Land use change tax for Fahey; McGibben proposal for additional water sampling; HRV grant application: Tax abatement for Allen

A.Lasser reported the Baker River water testing results for e.coli. All results were well within the normal range. The Select Board voted on August 25, 2020 to double the number of tests. L.Franz will contact Lisa Doner at BRWA to confirm this schedule.

A.Lasser is still in contact with the Wentworth Webmaster to discuss upgrades to the Town's website. Also, there is no new news from NHEC Broadband. They were scheduled to start work soon.

Chief Trott provided his written report for the WPD, and it is a part of these minutes.

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Paul Manson was not in attendance and did not provide a report.


J. King reported that the completed portion of the Frescoln road project that was separated from the bridge project will be paid soon by FEMA. The amount is \$45,317.88. He also informed that HSEM is transferring the Frescoln Bridge project from the VT office to the Boston office and has been given top priority. Thanks to Arnie Scheller for making contact with Paul Ford who has been a great help in getting this project moving ahead. Paul Hatch of HSEM is very pleased with the progress as well.

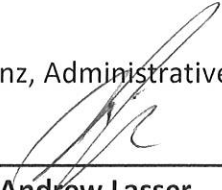
J. King reported that the HEB agreement to survey the gravel pit property was sent, and he will follow up with next steps.

Randy Comsteller, Beech Hill Road resident, spoke about the assessment of his property and his tax bill. He feels that the new business operation across the road from him will have a negative impact on the retail value of his home and is seeking to get a reassessment. The assessment process was explained to him. He has agreed to wait for the 5-year revaluation assessment that is expected to be mailed to residents at the end of June. At that time, he can see what his new assessment is and dispute it within the specified time. If he does not receive satisfaction, he has until March 1, 2022 to file for an abatement and take it from there. L.Franz will have our Avitar representative contact the Comstellers directly to also offer his explanation and answer any further questions they may have.

A.Lasser made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by J.King. They both voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Franz, Administrative Assistant

  
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Arnold Scheller, Chairman

  
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Andrew Lasser

  
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Jordan King

**WPD Activity Report**  
**Presented 06/15/2021**

**Please note that the following is a summary of notable activity conducted by the Wentworth Police Department, (WPD), but does not reflect “all” of WPD’s activity during this time frame.**

The WPD released some property to a former Wentworth resident that had been previously seized per a protective order issued from the Plymouth Family Court in October 2020. The seized items were returned per a court order dated May 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 authorizing the returns of the seized items. This transaction took place at the Wentworth Police Department and was done without incident.

Chief Trott took a harassment complaint from two Wentworth residents involving a neighboring property owner. Chief Trott spoke with all involved parties, and they came to an amicable agreement to just avoid and ignore each other from this point forward.

Chief Trott received some information from a Wentworth resident that a neighbor had been seen walking around his property with what looked to be an AK-47 rifle. There were no reports saying that anyone had been threatened but there was some concern expressed about the actions so Chief Trott followed up on it. In doing so the AK-47 rifle turned out to be a pellet rifle that very much resembled an AK-47 and there was no need for concern.

Chief Trott responded to the roll over Tractor Trailer accident on Rte#25 last week and assisted at the scene with NHSP and the Wentworth Fire Department.

Chief Trott took an animal complaint where two canines were found to be running at large at King Forest Industries. The ACA was called, and the dogs were taken to the Meredith Humane Society where they were picked up later by their owner. The owner was subsequently issued two citations by Chief Trott for allowing the canines to run at large.



### **Administrative Notes**

The last two weekends the Rumtown Speedway racetrack has run without any issues. It should be noted that one of the Saturdays there was a rain delay of almost 45 minutes and the races still ended by 6:15 PM.

Chief Trott recently took part in three (3) trainings that were held in Manchester New Hampshire. The three (3) two (2) hour trainings, titled, Ethics, De-Escalation and Implicit Bias, were officered by the New Hampshire Chief of Police Association and were presented and taught by New Hampshire Police Standards and Training. Please note that these three (3) trainings were trainings that were mandated for all law enforcement officers to attend through an executive order by the Governor of New Hampshire. It should also be noted that these trainings were offered free of cost to members of the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association of which Chief Trott is a member.

Chief W. Trott

## Wentworth fire

### Calls for service

May 24th Called for cover truck Plymouth fire Stood by with one engine and 5 firefighters

May 31 2nd alarm structure fire in Groton we were called for mutual aid assistance we had 2 pieces on scene with ten firefighters.

June 9th Multiple vehicle accident, Wentworth had 2 engines 12 fire fighters on scene we were on scene for a total of 8 hrs due to the type and nature of removal of the vehicles and debris.

Training We continue our training in the various evolutions of fire fighting and rescue the last meeting we went over the extrication tools and usage proper cutting discussing the different point of access to a vehicle where and when to cut etc

Fund raising We had our plant sale on May 29th this turned out very well for us

the next fund raising we have going will be at Warren old home days where we will have our normal booths for kids games and our raffles set up, this is a three day event starting Friday July 9th-11th We also will be in the parade per norm.

### Details and other

Race track is in full swing and we have covered the track with adequate personnel

Other items. We have been put on Cannan run card for mutual aid to various areas in Dorchester and Cannan We also will be including them on our run cards for specific pieces on first alarm fires in Wentworth.

It is with deep regret that I inform you that we have lost a member of our Fire auxiliary as Penni Davis passed away yesterday evening after battling illness for a long time. Penni a big supporter of the department helped us in so many ways I can not list them here at this time our heartfelt condolences go out to Paul Davis Jr and family. Thank you Penni for your endless devoted time to help the department, you will be missed!